in July 2001, offering Rs. 9 crores for each slot. As the bid amount quoted by Sri Adhikari Brothers, as well as by other bidders, for these slots were found to be too low, the same were rejected by Prasar Bharati.

(c) Prasar Bharati has intimated that last year M/s. Nine Network Pty. Australia offered Rs. 34.50 crores for 8.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M. slot and Rs. 62.00 crores for 9.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. slot.

(d) and (e) Prasar Bharati has intimated that only three bids were received. Prevailing market conditions could possibly have been the reasons for the poor response.

Amount spent on the film "Daman"

850. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by her Ministry on the film "Daman" to create social awareness campaign;

(b) whether the impact; has been achieved; and

(c) the action taken to give detailed field publicity in each State for fulfilling the objective?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Ministry of I and B has not spent any amount on the film "Daman"

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Link between Bollywood and underworld

851. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "60 per cent Bollywood films are. funded by dons", which appeared in the Economic Times, dated 8th January, 2001;

(b) if so, whether a number of arrests have been made by the police in which they have found linkage between the Bollywood and the underworld;